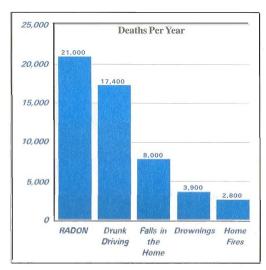
Radon is estimated to cause thousands of lung cancer deaths in the U.S. each year.



EPA 2003 "Assessment of Risks from Radon in Homes." document #402-R-03-003

All homes can have radon. The age of the home does NOT matter.

No level of radon is safe.

GET TESTED!!

Look inside to see how.

Where Can I Go to Learn More?

A variety of **books** are available at our office or from the EPA:

- A Citizen's Guide To Radon
- Consumer's Guide to Radon Reduction (How to fix your home)
- Learning about RADON, a part of nature
- Home Buyer's and Seller's Guide to Radon

A number of **websites** also have information about radon:

www.epa.gov/radon/
www.atsdr.cdc.gov/HEC/CSEM/radon/
www.nmenv.state.nm.us/nmrcb/radon.html
www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/radon.html
www.nsc.org/library/facts/radon.htm
www.niehs.nih.gov/ keyword "radon"
www.radon.com

www.rssi.us

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What is Radon?

Radon is a radioactive gas that can cause lung cancer. It is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the U.S.

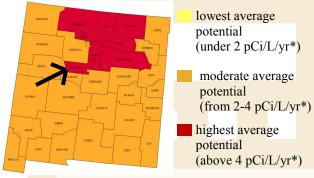


Radon is a byproduct of decaying uranium, which is found



naturally in New Mexico soils.

EPA studies have shown Bernalillo County residents have a high potential for radon exposure.



* picoCuries per liter is the unit used to measure radon www.epa.gov/radon/zonemap/newmexico.htm

Note: No lowest potential areas exist in New Mexico.



Radon can get into your home through:

- 1. Tiny cracks in solid floors.
- 2. Construction joints.
- 3. Tiny cracks in walls.
- 4. Tiny gaps in suspended floors.
- 5. Tiny gaps around service pipes.
- 6. Cavities inside walls.
- 7. The water supply.

Short term kits:

- ► last for 2-4 days
- ➤ available at

www.drhomeair.com/bernalillo

Learn more, test your home:

- Oscillator (314–0320 or blucero@bernco.gov) or Matt Cross-Guillén (314-0324 or matthewc@bernco.gov) at the Bernalillo County Community

 Health Team
- drhomeair.com/bernalillo
- Call 1-800-SOS-RADON

Test your home <u>yourself</u>:

- Kits are available for short term and long term testing.
- Cost of kits <u>includes</u> the analysis.
- Kits are available online for \$7 at www.drhomeair.com/bernalillo

OR... find a professional tester. For a list of certified professional testers and mitigators, visit:

NMED, Radiation Control Bureau,
Indoor Radon Outreach website

http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/nmrcb/radon.html
or call (505) 827-1093